

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING KATHY KANE AND THE TRENTON TRIB

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kathy Kane on the occasion of her retirement from the Trenton Trib, where she has served as Business Manager and Co-Publisher for over twelve years. Her significant contributions and service to our community are worthy of commendation.

Ms. Kane received her Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Marketing from Central Michigan University. She was co-publisher of the Trenton Trib, which was founded in 2009 in response to community concerns about the lack of a hometown newspaper. In addition to her work in journalism, Ms. Kane is also the President of Market Insights LLC, a company that creates and implements marketing strategies for businesses and organizations.

The Trenton Trib and the Island Beacon has served a variety of local institutions with its varied and engaging reporting. In the years since its founding, it has become a multifaceted news organization and has presented the news that matters to the citizens of Trenton and Downriver. From the latest in high school sports to breaking development news to highlighting local businesses, the Trib could always be counted on to write about the things that our neighbors cared about. Along with co-publisher Joe Hoshaw, they brought news to the people of Downriver. The Trenton Trib ceased publication at the end of 2021, but their impact on the community will last for years to come.

As an involved community member, Ms. Kane is a member of the Trenton Business Association, Trenton Rotary, Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber, and the Downriver Business Association. She is known for her broad insight and marketing expertise, as well as her kindness and friendly demeanor. Her commitment to Southeast Michigan and our local news cannot be understated. She continues to reside in Downriver with her husband Matthew and sons Dustin and Timothy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Kathy Kane. We are grateful for her years spent at the Trenton Trib and her dedication to the residents of southeastern Michigan. I join with Kathy's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to her in retirement.

CONGRATULATING DEBORAH HEART AND LUNG CENTER ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Deborah Heart and

Lung Center on their 100th anniversary. Deborah is a true leader for cardiovascular and pulmonary care throughout the state with a mission of providing quality care to our community and beyond.

One hundred years ago, the hospital started as a tuberculosis and pulmonary center. As advancements in antibiotics led to the eradication of tuberculosis, Deborah began to concentrate on other chest diseases.

Today, Deborah serves as New Jersey's only specialty heart hospital and has become a cornerstone of compassionate care in our region. Deborah maintains a distinguished reputation for educating the next generation through one of the largest cardiac teaching fellowship programs in the country, and consistently debuts innovative cardiac treatments through their clinical research department.

In addition to serving as New Jersey's "safety net" hospital, providing unparalleled care to residents of all twenty-one New Jersey counties, Deborah in its 100 years has treated 2.3 million patients from every county in the state and from 87 countries throughout the world.

From the beginning, Deborah's medical treatment was provided by a staff known for their compassion and medical excellence. At a time when millions of Americans are making the tough decisions between keeping food on the table and healthcare, Deborah has never issued a bill to one of its patients.

The work Deborah Heart and Lung Center is doing makes a real impact on the lives of everyone in our community. On Deborah's 100th anniversary, I extend my best wishes and thanks to every current and former staff member and volunteer.

HONORING TEXAS STATE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE EDDIE LUCIO, III

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize The Honorable Eddie Lucio, III, who has admirably represented the people of southwestern Cameron County in the Texas House of Representatives for the past 15 years.

Eduardo Andres "Eddie" Lucio, III was born in Brownsville, TX, on December 19, 1978, to Andres "Eddie" Lucio, Jr., and Herminia Cerda Lucio. He graduated from James Pace High School in 1997 and attended Texas Tech University for a year before transferring to the University of Texas at Austin, where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in 2001 and a J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law in 2005.

After law school Eddie was called to public service, a value instilled in him at a young age by his parents. He worked for the Texas Comptroller for Public Accounts before running for Texas State Representative of District 38

in 2006, a position he won and to which he was re-elected in every consecutive election until he announced his retirement in 2022.

Eddie worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for residents of Cameron County during his tenure in the Texas House of Representatives and through his work as a lawyer. His efforts have made an indelible impact on the Rio Grande Valley, especially in the areas of children and families, education, and the environment.

As a state representative, he found a way to make Pre-K education cost-neutral for Cameron County school districts, giving young children a better chance to succeed in school; and championed legislation that gave foster children a voice in their placement. Eddie also aided in the creation of the University of Texas–Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) in 2013, which came into being through the merging of the University of Texas–Pan American and the University of Texas at Brownsville/Texas Southmost College. UTRGV has had a transformative influence on the community thanks to its affordable tuition, its diverse academic curriculum, and the establishment of a new medical school that fills a void in an area of the country that is medically underserved.

Eddie's concern for the environment is evident in his work to pass legislation to preserve Texas' access to water for future generations through the creation of a regulator system for seawater desalination, and his efforts to secure funding for the State Water Plan. He also led the effort in the Texas House to make it illegal to buy or sell shark fins in Texas, receiving special recognition for the bill's passage by the Discovery Channel during its annual Shark Week programming.

In addition to his work in the Texas House of Representatives and his law practice, Eddie's commitment to the community is widely reflected through his volunteer work for the Brownsville Independent School District, the City of Brownsville's "Just Say No" Program, Meals on Wheels, Survivors of Domestic Violence Program, Good Neighbor Settlement House, the Optimist Club, and Help One Student to Succeed Program. He is also a local Orangetheory Fitness franchise owner, providing good jobs at his two locations in Brownsville and Harlingen and promoting a healthy lifestyle in the region.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, his wife, Jaime, and his children, Olivia Rose and Eduardo Andres "Luc" Lucio IV, in recognizing Texas State Representative Eddie Lucio, III, for his many years of public service and his personal contributions to the success, happiness, and well-being of the residents of the Rio Grande Valley.

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